



Order of Service for December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist

9:30 am

Officiating: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles

Preaching: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson

Assisting: The Rev'd Betty Nadurak



A Blazing Light of Hope

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

Thus the hope of those who belong to the living Christ is a hope rooted in what has already occurred, even if the total fullness of this event has not yet been revealed. Thus the Christian community, wherever it emerges, marks a new world in the midst of the old, of light in the midst of darkness.

(Henri J. M. Nouwen, Peacework, 108)



Hope is the touchstone of patience. We can be patient because we live in hope. And we have hope because we know Christ and the power of his love. Advent is a time when hope is renewed within us.

Today we light another candle on our Advent wreaths. As the light gets brighter, our hearts open a bit wider to all that God has promised. As the candle flickers, we see the movement of our own lives within its flame—sometimes the fire burns brighter than at other times, but there is always a burning, a light, a blazing hope within us.

May we never walk in the darkness of hopelessness, but may we always hold fast to the fire of hope, the light of Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you are the source of my hope. May I shine this light of hope for others as I wait patiently for your coming. Amen.

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-Service Music: Red Songbook (RSB) #255: Ready My Heart (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Common Praise (Blue Book—CP) #114: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (screens)

Greeting: BAS (Green Book), p. 185 (screens)

Collect for Purity (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

Children's Time (Advent Candle Lighting)

Prayer for the Advent Wreath (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 19a p. 88 (screens)

The Second Reading

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might

confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:4-13

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP #103: On Jordan's Bank (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (screens)

The Prayers of the People

Advent 2 Litany (screens)

World AIDS Day Prayer (screens)

A Prayer of Christian Life (screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory (screens); Choir Anthem: A Journey Just Begun

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer 3: p. 198 (screens)

Proper preface for Advent: p. 219 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer, Form 1: p. 211 (screens) (sung)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 5: p. 212 (screens)

The Communion (You're invited to partake.)

Communion Hymns: RSB #325: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus; RSB #74: Father, I Adore You; RSB #148: I Love You, Lord; RSB #12: Alleluia (screens)

Hymn after Communion (Please stand.): RSB #256: Refiner's Fire (screens)

Prayer after Communion (screens)

The Blessing (screens)

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP #106: There's a Voice in the Wilderness (screens)

Sending (screens)

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You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in-person in the Hall; and/or at 11:45, online via Zoom. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZdUZ4MjFHWFdQdz09>. We'd love to share these times of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partaking during the Service, a written copy of the "Prayer for Communion" is available on our website in the same location as this Order of Service.

## Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.



Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for ***the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.***

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***the Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada;*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for ***National Bishop: Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of the parishes of ***St. Cyprian, Lacombe and Church of the Epiphany, Rim-bey*** and for their incumbent ***Robert Sears and The Wardens.*** We also pray for ***the Companion Diocese Committee.***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***Howard, Tracy and Alexander; Steve, Shannon and Sean; Paul, Michele, Alexander, Matthew and Ryder; and Gale.*** We remember our clergy, Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Bob, Betty and their families.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you ***the family of Joy (Abby's sister); Herb & the family of Debbie;*** Antony; Judy; ***Roger and Helen (parents of Paul); Dinah; Bill; the family of John;*** Debra, Lori and family of Josie; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); ***Bill & Pat; Sean, Shannon, & Steve;*** the family of Bob; ***the family of Carmen and Sonny; Shelly;*** John; ***the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Brian; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly*** (mother of Sian); ***the family of Anne; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Chris;*** Jo; ***the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Robert; Janet; Irma & Cyril; Julia;*** Vern (brother-in-law of Rick); ***the Herritt family; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb;*** Jen; ***the family of Leslie; Patrick;*** ***the family of Tom; Sandra; Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen;*** Eleanor; ***Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Dorothy;*** ***the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella);*** Max & Rebecca; ***Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla;*** ***the family of Kathy; Kevin;*** Richard (friend of Anne); ***Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn);*** Dennis; ***Mike; the family of Val; Alyssa (granddaughter of Betty),*** Martin; ***Chinazor; Sheila; the family of Linda; Melissa and her family; Adrianna;*** Peggy; ***Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; the family of Ian;*** Pat; ***Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen;*** ***Jacquie; the family of Gwendoline; Jackie (cousin of Julie); Ellen; Pauline; Tucker (M'Laurel & Scott's child);*** Monika (mother of Dennis); ***Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); King Charles & all the Royal Family; Trudy (cousin of Iona); Veronica (sister Of Cec); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Ken;*** Marlene; ***the family of James (father of Allison); the family of Ginny; and Cindee (sister of Rick Coller).***

We pray for containment of COVID-19 worldwide; actions guided by the safety of others; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill. We also pray especially that our healthcare workers and healthcare system will not be overwhelmed by the number of cases of the virus. And we pray especially for all in our Parish who are sick with this virus. Please enable us to support them in any way they need.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, and for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for the over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God